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#### **CRANBERRIES**

The forecast for the 2003 U.S. cranberry crop is 5.83 million barrels, up 3 percent from 2002 and 9 percent above 2001. Wisconsin is the only State forecasting a decrease in production from a year ago. The cranberry industry has not had a restrictive marketing order in effect since the 2001 growing season. Under that order, growers could only sell 65 percent of their historic average sales to the processors. These restrictions applied to all five of the major cranberry producing States. The lack of marketing restrictions in 2002 and 2003 led some growers to increase acreage. This increased acreage combined with good growing conditions in most States resulted in the higher cranberry production forecast.

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The Washington crop is forecast at 170,000 barrels, 5 percent above last year and 20 percent above 2001. Conditions for cranberry production in Washington have been very good this season. A mild winter followed by a wet spring and warm summer provided excellent bloom conditions. Many old vines have slowly been replaced with higher yielding vines as producers manage their bogs more intensively. The Massachusetts crop is forecast at 1.70 million barrels, up 17 percent from 2002 and 20 percent above 2001. Many Massachusetts growers took advantage of the long, cold winter to sand their bogs. The wet, cool spring allowed bogs to recover from last year's drought, but crop maturity has been somewhat delayed. New Jersey expects a crop of 470,000 barrels, up 9 percent from 2002 but 17 percent below 2001. Growers reported bloom, fruit set, and fruit size to be mostly average. No significant weather damage was reported. In Oregon, the crop is forecast at 440,000 barrels, 2 percent above last year's crop and up 21 percent from 2001. Weather conditions have been favorable for cranberry production. Production in Wisconsin is forecast at 3.05 million barrels, 5 percent below 2002 but 7 percent above 2001. Cranberry farmers in Wisconsin report having an average growing season with a good berry set.

CRANBERRIES: ÁREA HARVESTED, YIELD, PRODUCTION & UTILIZATION, PRICE & VALUE, BY STATE & UNITED STATES, 2001-2003

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State & Year		Area	Yield	Produ	ıction	Utili	zation	Price Per	Value of		
		Harvested	Per Acre 1/	Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	Barrel 3/	Util. Prod.		
		Acres	Barrels 2/			Barrels		Dollars	\$1,000		
Massachusett	2001	12,000	118.0	1,416,000	1,414,000	176,000	1,238,000	24.00	33,869		
	2002	14,500	100.1	1,452,000	1,452,000	154,000	1,298,000	33.20	48,244		
	2003	-	-	1,700,000	-	-	-	-	-		
New Jersey	2001	3,100	182.6	566,000	412,000	-	412,000	23.10	9,517		
	2002	3,100	138.7	430,000	430,000	-	430,000	32.00	13,760		
	2003	-	-	470,000	-	-	-	-	-		
Oregon	2001	2,400	152.1	365,000	355,000	7,000	348,000	22.50	7,994		
	2002	2,600	166.2	432,000	432,000	8,000	424,000	32.90	14,209		
	2003	-	-	440,000		-	-	-	-		
Washington	2001	1,600	88.8	142,000	136,000	34,000	102,000	28.20	3,838		
	2002	1,600	101.3	162,000	155,000	30,000	125,000	36.20	5,614		
	2003	-	-	170,000		-	-	-	-		
Wisconsin	2001	15,100	188.1	2,840,000	2,466,000	209,000	2,257,000	23.70	58,428		
	2002	15,900	201.8	3,208,000	3,208,000	177,000	3,031,000	32.20	103,247		
	2003	-	-	3,050,000	-	-	-	-	-		
U.S. Total	2001	34,200	155.8	5,329,000	4,783,000	426,000	4,357,000	23.80	113,646		
	2002	37,700	150.8	5,684,000	5,677,000	369,000	5,308,000	32.60	185,074		
	2003	-		5,830,000	_	-	-				

<sup>1/</sup> Yield is based on total production. 2/ A barrel weighs 100 lbs.

<sup>3/</sup> Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds less returns for processing non-cranberry products, capital stock dividends, capital stock dividends, capital stock retains, and other retains.

# MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production for Washington in July totaled 479 million pounds, 8 million pounds less than July 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,965 pounds. The number of milk cows on Washington farms was estimated at 244,000 head, 4,000 head less than last year.

Milk production in the 20 major states during July totaled 12.4 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 20 selected states averaged 1,590 pounds for July, 12 more pounds than July 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 selected states was 7.8 million head.

Item	Month/Year	Idaho	Washington	20 State Total 1/
Milk Cows 2/	July 2002	392	248	7,781
(1,000 Head)	*June 2003	407	244	7,775
	July 2003	408	244	7,766
Milk Per Cow 3/ (Pounds)	July 2002	1,810	1,965	1,578
	*June 2003	1,840	1,910	1,590
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	July 2003	1,880	1,965	1,590
Milk Production 3/	July 2002	710	487	12,281
(Million Pounds)	*June 2003	749	466	12,366
	July 2003	767	479	12,350

<sup>1/</sup> AZ, CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA & WI.

# WASHINGTON MUSHROOMS

White Button (Agaricus) Mushroom production for the 2002-2003 season in Washington fell 11 percent to 11.2 million pounds, compared to 12.5 million pounds last year. Total fillings were 2.2 million square feet compared to 2.3 million square feet last year. The value of production in 2002-2003 is estimated at \$14.5 million with an average price per pound of \$1.29.

Year	Total Fillings	Volume of Sales	Price Per Pound	Value of Sales
	1,000 Sq. Ft.	1,000 Lbs.	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1993-94	1,938	10,693	1.25	13,367
1994-95	2,207	12,284	1.28	15,724
1995-96	2,232	12,582	1.25	15,704
1996-97	2,227	12,298	1.20	14,731
1997-98	2,228	12,043	1.20	14,392
1998-99	2,228	12,764	1.23	15,751
1999-00	2,327	12,350	1.24	15,307
2000-01	2,252	11,512	1.23	14,160
2001-02	2,263	12,522	1.33	16,711
2002-03	2,242	11,205	1.29	14,497

# STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE

Total fresh apples in storage for the United States on July 31, 2003 totaled 410.4 million pounds, 30 percent higher than a year ago.

Frozen french fries in storage for the three Pacific Coast states and eight Mountain states on July 31, 2003 totaled 595.0 million pounds, which accounted for 70 percent of the Nation's french fries in storage.

Total potatoes in storage for the three Pacific Coast states and eight Mountain states on July 31, 2003 totaled 769.8 million pounds, 68 percent of the Nation's total potatoes in storage.

Commodity	July 31, 2002	June 30, 2003	July 31, 2003	
		1,000 Pounds		
Apples, Fresh				
Regular Storage	11,957	18,737	17,856	
Controlled Atmosphere	304,357	711,816	392,505	
48 State Total	316,314	730,553	410,361	
Potatoes, French Fries				
Mountain	201,598	233,225	216,476	
Pacific	410,618	389,053	378,534	
48 State Total	848,204	900,194	855,701	
Potatoes, Total				
Mountain	259,939	286,759	269,618	
Pacific	520,194	520,895	500,148	
48 State Total	1,106,585	1,181,788	1,125,838	

<sup>2/</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>3/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. \* Revised.

#### **FARM LABOR**

The number of hired workers on Pacific Region farms totaled 110,000 during July 6-12, 2003, compared with 98,000 workers during the comparable week a year ago. The average wage rate paid in the Pacific Region during the July 2003 survey week was \$8.74 per hour, which was 62 cents less than 2002. The national farm labor rate was \$8.88 during the same time period, with 953,000 workers during the comparable week in July 2003.

## FARM LABOR WAGE RATES, PACIFIC REGION & UNITED STATES 1/2/

Ween		NUMBER	R OF WOR	KERS 3/		HOURS WORKED 3/					
rear	Pacific	C	California	Unite	d States	Pacific Califor		ornia	<b>United States</b>		
		1,0	000 Worker	s		Hours Per Week					
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	61		168	80	)4	3	8.8	42	2.1	4	0.2
	97		242	1,03	39	4	0.1	44	4.3	3	9.9
	89		223	95	59	3	9.4	40	6.6	4	1.5
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	77		270	94	40	3	9.2	4:	5.5	4	0.4
003	48		235 729		3	7.7	40	0.8	3	7.7	
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	110 2		235	95	53	3	6.3	40	6.1	4	0.0
					WAGE F	RATES 3/					
	Field		Livestock Field		ld & Livesto	ock		All			
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	Dollars Per Hour										
7.96	7.79	7.76	8.81	8.68	8.07	8.13	7.95	7.87	9.06	8.78	8.66
7.75	7.82	7.61	8.75	9.02	8.01	7.87	7.96	7.71	8.40	8.59	8.31
8.41	7.97	7.70	9.40	9.49	7.89	8.50	8.10	7.75	8.88	8.76	8.29
9.34	7.91	8.01	9.87	9.56	8.36	9.39	8.04	8.08	9.70	8.56	8.58
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## CATTLE ON FEED, 1,000 HEAD CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, 2003

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ITEM	IDAHO	WASHINGTON	U.S. TOTAL					
		1,000 Head						
Cattle on Feed, July 1 1/	255	160	9,923					
Placed on Feed During July	56	50	1,992					
Fed Cattle Marketed During July	70	39	2,270					
Other Disappearances during July 2/	1	1	60					
Cattle on Feed, Aug 1	240	170	9,585					

<sup>1/</sup>Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>1/</sup> Pacific Region includes Washington and Oregon.

<sup>2/</sup> United States excludes Alaska.

<sup>3/</sup> All hired farm workers and wage rates includes supervisor/manager and other workers which are not published separately.

The farm labor reference week is the week that included the 12th of the month.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

POULTRY
LAYER AND EGG PRODUCTION, JULY 2001-02, SELECTED STATES 1/

State and		All	Eggs Per 100	Eggs	Au	gust 1
Year		Layers 2/	All Layers 2/	Produced	Being Molted	Molt Completed
		Thousand	Number	Millions	Pe	ercent
California	2002	23,425	2,208	517	6.0	27.0
	2003	19,272	2,262	436	2.0	37.0
Georgia	2002	20,124	1,973	397	5.0	14.5
	2003	20,337	2,065	420	5.5	15.5
Indiana	2002	22,232	2,254	501	9.0	24.5
	2003	22,281	2,262	504	5.5	32.5
Iowa	2002	37,478	2,289	858	6.0	27.5
	2003	38,641	2,316	895	10.0	31.5
Ohio	2002	30,739	2,238	688	6.5	17.5
	2003	28,842	2,254	650	2.5	26.0
Pennsylvania	2002	23,457	2,353	552	3.5	19.5
	2003	23,823	2,351	560	4.0	20.5
Texas	2002	18,199	2,225	405	4.0	23.0
	2003	18,239	2,204	402	4.5	21.0
Washington	2002	5,236	2,330	122	5.0	50.5
-	2003	4,842	2,396	116	7.5	37.5
30 State Total 3/	2002	313,948	2,191	6,880	4.7	21.5
	2003	309,347	2,217	6,858	4.2	23.0
U.S. TOTAL	2002	335,498	2,190	7,347	4.6	21.9
	2003	331,702	2,214	7,343	4.3	23.5

<sup>1/ 2002</sup> revised, 2003 preliminary.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

<sup>3/</sup> Thirty states: AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, IA, ME, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, VA, WA, and WI.